

RAMBLES OF THE RAMBLER

BREEZY NEWS, VIEWS AND COMMENTS.

What He Sees and Hears While Roaming the Streets.

In 1901 the woman who can make good bread will be prouder to acknowledge it than if she painted the finest picture,

If the young lady who sent in that piece of manuscript poetry the other day, entitled "The Beautiful Snow," and signed her name to it, will send a two-cent stamp we will return it. It is very well written, that is, the hand writing is all right, but if we are not mistaken we read the same lines in a reader at school about 20 years ago.

The Men's Auxiliary of the Woman's Club is growing. It has four members, now, altogether. It's a hard matter to get those four to "fess up" that they are members. When they get in a crowd of men, they out-Richard Richard in protestations of men's right to rule, but when they get among the ladies they are all smiles. Their next meeting will be held in the rear of the cemetery, between 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday night, so the Rambler has been informed, and all those who wish to join will please be present with their applications and initiation fees.

Jim Jones, a freckle nose jay from Jonesville, called at the domicile of the Rambler last night after he had retired to his straw mattress and had just begun to get the old clothes and tow sacks warm with which he was covered. Jones said that he and Malindy Smith were about to get married next week. We told Mr. Jones that he and she might go and get married all they wanted to; that it was none of our business, and that we did not care anything about it. We were mad, but he said that he only wanted a notice put in the ARGUS about it. We hope this is notice enough.

The Rambler must ask that a few more people come in and subscribe. The weather is too cold to hunt you up. We expected a raise in our salary the first of the year and need a few more subscribers to complete the deal. Who will be the first. Don't all speak at once. If you are reading the ARGUS without paying for it, and a great many of you are, consult your consciences and see if you are treating us right. We hope that these few lines on the subject will be sufficient. Unless we hear from you we may refer to this matter again. We do not wish to be forced to say what we think about the man who reads his neighbor's paper. Did you ever stop to think how you worried your friend borrowing his paper?

The Rambler receives many letters from subscribers, and some who are not subscribers, telling him how much they enjoy reading his writings. This is all very gratifying and does very well so far as it goes, but it doesn't go very far. There is nothing in it that will buy a load of wood or pay a week's house rent. In all the letters we have received there was not a word said about paying up back subscriptions. Besides all this we are in trouble about this letter business. A young lady in a neighboring town mailed us a cologne-scented epistle in which she used a great many adjectives and was very, very complimentary, but failed to state that she

was writing about the "Rambles of the Rambler." While we were asleep the other night Mrs. Rambler went through our clothes "just to see if there were any holes in the pockets" (I don't think) and found the sweet smelling letter. She misinterpreted the whole thing, and if you are a married man you can imagine the rest. We are going to have our mail sent to Greenleaf hereafter and burn all the letters we get before we read them.

A young man and his girl, bailed from Jaysville, called on one of our dentists yesterday, and after many blushes and much stammering the young fellow informed the Dr. that he wanted him to fill the girl's teeth, and said that he would furnish the gold, and proceeded to untie a paper parcel in which were some broken links of a watch chain. With a broad grin he handed one to the Dr. The young man is still wondering why one kind of gold is not as good as another. When the Dr. refused to undertake the job with that kind of gold the young man became indignant and said that the watch chain was an old family relic, it belonged to his great grandfather, was the genuine article and all it needed was a little rubbing to make it shine. He said he knew it was gold because it cost \$125 when it was new, and the young lady said she believed it was gold, too.

The Rambler learns that there will be seven candidates for Mayor in May 1901, who are in the race to the finish, and that there are 23 patriotic citizens who are determined to be Aldermen at the same time. The Rambler has consulted all of them in reference to their position as to the erection of a city hall. Strange to say each one is opposed to the town building a city hall unless the Mayor's office and the room for the meeting of the Aldermen is built high in the air with no means of approach save by a ladder, and if they should fail in this they favor raising mice at the city headquarters, so as to preclude the possibility of a fulfillment of the Rambler's dream the other night, when he saw in a vision the Mayor's chair and the seats of the Board of Aldermen filled by members of the Woman's Club. Some of these prospective candidates are in earnest about the matter and honestly believe that the ladies are figuring on their places in the near future. The Woman's Club should let it be known whether they will be in the race or not. Politics is politics.

As the Rambler was on his rounds Saturday he espied Sheriff Scott looking very excited and talking and gesticulating at a great rate. We imagined that some terrible public catastrophe was impending or had just been averted and we hurried forward to get the news. It was altogether of a personal nature, however, as we soon learned, the trouble was this. The Sheriff, on one of his official rounds spent the night last night with our good friend and countryman Mr. Barnes Aycock, away up in the extreme north, western section of the county, and on leaving for his home this morning, Barnes gave him a large, luscious ripe water melon which he had preserved with care for months, and the sheriff started off with it gladly, rejoicing in the anticipated pleasure of sharing it with his good wife as an unexpected feast. At Fremont he stopped for a brief space, and exhibited his water melon with pride, and on arriving home, a few hours since, he had no melon. It had disappeared from his buggy, and "Ben Aycock, or Oscar Yelverton, or 'Lum' Aycock, or John Davis, or some of them boys up there have got it," says the sheriff, "but I just dare 'em to cut it."

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